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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN FRONT CONGRESS

1. GUARDIAN, ON SEPTEMBER 18, HAS ARTICLE FROM ITS
SALISBURY CORRESPONDENT, HENRY MILLER, REPORTING THAT
RHODESIAN FRONT PARTY WILL OPEN ITS ANNUAL CONGRESS ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, AMID UNCERTAINTY CAUSED BY EVENTS
IN MOZAMBIQUE. ACCORDING TO GUARDIAN, ONE RESOLUTION TO
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QVDYMM#SRESS CALLS ON RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT
TO PREPARE FOR INCREASED GUERRILLA INCURSIONS AND ANOTHER
URGES GOVERNMENT TO EXPEDITE SETTLEMENT TALKS WITH UK,
BUT WITHOUT GOING AGAINST RHODESIAN FRONT PRINCIPLE.
GUARDIAN NOTES THIS IS FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS THAT
SETTLEMENT ISSUE HAS APPEARED ON CONGRESS AGENDA.
GUARDIAN SPECULATES THAT SMITH WILL EMERGE FROM CONGRESS
TO DEAL WITH SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AS HE SEES FIT.

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2. TIMES, ON SEPTEMBER 18, HAS ARTICLE FROM ITS SALISBURY CORRESPONDENT CLAIMING THAT ON SEPTEMBER 17 BISHOP MUZOREWA, PRESIDENT OF ANC, SAID THERE IS NOW GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR WHITES IN RHODESIA TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HIS ORGANIZATION. TIMES ARTICLE GOES ON TO QUOTE MUZOREWA AS SAYING, "WE HOPE THAT THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM RECENT EVENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE. LET US HOPE THAT THEY WILL REALIZE THAT THIS IS NO LONGER THE TIME TO LAY EGGS OF OPPRESSION, NOR SOW MORE SEEDS OF REPRESSION AND DISCRIMINATION."

3. HEAD OF RHODESIA DEPARTMENT AT FCO TOLD EMBOFF ON SEPTEMBER 19 THAT CONGRESS NOT LIKELY TO MAKE ANY STARTLING DECISIONS. FOR ONE THING, BRITISH NOT LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH RHODESIANS UNTIL AFTER BRITISH ELECTIONS. MOREOVER, BRITISH BELIEVE ANC, AS WELL AS ZANU AND ZAPU, WILL NOW DRIVE HARDER BARGAIN. IN ABSENCE ANY INDICATION REALISTIC APPRECIATION OF THIS SITUATION BY SMITH, THERE IS NOTHING TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT. ANNENBERG

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